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1. ALLEGED BRIBERY OF DUTCH FIGURES BY LOCKHEED CONINUES TO MAKE NEWS IN THE NETHERLANDS. LATEST ARTICLES CONSIST OF LONG INTERVIEWS WITH TWO OF THE PRINCIPALS (FRED MEUSER AND HANS GERRITSEN) ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ARRANGING FOR EXPESNIVE EQUIPMENT CHANGES ON THE F-104.

2. BOTH MEUSER, INTERVIEWD FOR "HET VRIJE VOLK" IN ST. MORITZ, AND GERRITSEN, INTERVIEWED BY "VRIJ NEDERLAND," ASSERT THAT THERE NO QUESTION OF WRONG DOING AS FAR AS THEY ARE CONCERNED OR THAT THEY AWARE OF. MEUSER SAYS THAT ERNEST HAUSER, SOURCE OF ALLEGATIONS REGARDING PAYMENTS TO PRINCE BERNHARD, IS A CLEVER MAN, BUT A LIAR. MEUSER ALSO SAYS THAT HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT HAUSER HAS TOLD DIFFERENT STOREIS IN PUBLIC AND TO SENATE COMMITTEE. GERRITSEN SAYS THAT HE IS SURE THAT HE HAS NEVER EVEN MET HAUSER.

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